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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Narendra Jaggi, the 2013 Kemp award winner and professor of physics at Illinois Wesleyan University, will present the keynote address titled, "Refracting Honor Through a Personal Prism" at the annual Honors Convocation on Wednesday, April 10 at 11 a.m. in the Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington). The event is free and open to the public.

Dedicated to the Class of 2013, the Convocation celebrates the scholastic achievements of students and faculty. The 2014 winner of the Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, the University's highest teaching honor, will be announced at the Convocation by Provost and Dean of Faculty Jonathan Green.

A materials physicist by training, Jaggi is an engaging teacher, a celebrated scholar and an active communitarian. He believes that students and faculty can learn from each other and that "genuine affection and enthusiasm for learning can be infectious."



*Professor of Physics Narendra Jaggi*

In 2003, Jaggi was named the Illinois Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). He also was named the University's Professor of the Year 2002-03 by IWU's Student Senate.

A native of India, Jaggi received degrees in physics from Ranchi University and from the University of Bombay where he earned a Ph.D. After working in the Department of Atomic Energy in Bombay, he pursued a postdoctoral fellowship at Northwestern University, and then joined the physics department at Northeastern University in Boston before coming to IWU in 1991.

Jaggi, who teaches among other subjects, the physics of nonlinear systems, has co-authored 39 research papers in journals in both physics and sociology. He conducts research in the areas of possible signatures of extra spatial dimensionality (four and above) by measuring and analyzing electrical properties of hypercubic networks of lumped electronic elements and the use of Mathematica as an integrated and distributed tool in the undergraduate physics curriculum. He also has collaborated with Professor of Physics Linda French on the analysis of her group's data on rotational properties of Trojan Asteroids.

Described as a conscientious "communitarian," Jaggi has led many events dealing with acceptance of difference and diversity, including most recently the "Hoodies or Hijabs: The Hate Has to Stop" demonstration on March 27 of 2012, on the Eckley Quadrangle. He also has been a participant in Coalition for Diversity and Reconciliation, Not in Our Town and McLean County India Association, of which he is a former president.

Dr. Jaggi has been an active participant in faculty governance, serving as the Chair of Chairs in the Natural Science Division, as Chair of the Faculty Development Committee, as Chair of Curriculum Council, as Chair of the Hearing Committee, as a member of the Council for University Programs and Policies (CUPP) and many other committees.

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